## JP7330444A2: DEBINDERING METHOD AND PRODUCTION OF CERAMIC SINTERED BODY

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PURPOSE: To enable debindering treatment at a rather low temp. on a ceramic molded body contanining a binder and a ceramic powder which is reactive with steam, in a short time without using steam by debindering the molded body in nonoxidative atmospheric gas containing carbonic acid gas.

CONSTITUTION: In the debindering method of a ceramic molded body containing a binder and a ceramic powder which is reactive with steam in a nonoxidative atmosphere, carbonic acid gas is added to the nonoxidative atmospheric gas. Conventionally, debindering treatment is performed by adding a minute amt. of steam to an atmospheric gas to change carbon remaining in a ceramic molded body or in a furnace into carbon monoxide and to remove the carbon monoxide. However, when a nonoxide ceramic material such as AIN having high reactivity with steam is to be subjected to debindering, the nonoxide ceramic material is oxidized with steam. This causes intrusion of oxide in the sintered body or prevents smooth sintering, and therefore, a dense sintered body is not obtd.

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